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Case 5494CR IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In the Application of D. Roe et al. Serial No. 08/908,852 Filed: August 8, 1997

Group Art Unit: 3761 Examiner: M. Polutta

Title:

ARTICLE HAVING A LOTIONED TOPSHEET

## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.116

The Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated May 12, 1999, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the accompanying amendments and remarks while reexamining the application. This amendment is being filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.116 in order to place the above-identified application in form for allowance.

## IN THE CLAIMS

- 1. (Twice Amended) A disposable article comprising:
  - A) a liquid impervious backsheet;
  - B) a liquid pervious, hydrophilic topsheet joined to said backsheet, said topsheet having an inner surface oriented toward the interior of said article and an outer surface oriented toward the skin of the wearer when said article is being worn, wherein at least a portion of said topsheet outer surface comprises an effective amount of a lotion coating which is semi-solid or solid at 20°C and which is partially transferable to the wearer's skin[, said lotion coating comprising:
    - (i) from about 10 to about 95% of a substantially water free emollient having a plastic or fluid consistency at 20°C;